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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

CLAIMS

- 1 1. (Currently amended) A fastener, comprising:
  - 2 a shank having a threaded portion;
  - 3 a head portion having a top surface, a planar bottom surface, and a diameter; and
  - 4 a stepped portion between the head portion and the threaded portion, the stepped
  - 5 portion having a diameter that is larger than the diameter of a round hole in a first type of
  - 6 mounting rail and smaller than a length of a side of a square hole in a second type of
  - 7 mounting rail, wherein when the fastener is inserted into one of the round holes of the
  - 8 first type of mounting rail a bottom surface of the stepped portion is urged against a front
  - 9 surface of the first type of mounting rail, and when the fastener is inserted into one of the
  - 10 square holes of the second type of mounting rail the stepped portion enters closely into
  - 11 the square hole and the planar bottom surface of the head portion is urged against a front
  - 12 surface of the second type of mounting rail.
- 1 2. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the stepped portion is circular in shape.
- 1 3. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the first type of mounting rail is a standard  
2 Electronics Industry Association Standard mounting rail.
- 1 4. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the second type of mounting rail is a Universal  
2 Mounting Rail.

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- 1 5. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein dimensions and tolerances for each type of  
2 mounting rail are defined by National Electrical Manufacturers Association (NEMA)  
3 standards.
- 1 6. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein the stepped portion includes a tapered  
2 shoulder for guiding the stepped portion into the square hole.
- 1 7. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein a size and shape of the stepped portion causes  
2 the stepped portion to be centered within the square hole when the fastener is inserted  
3 into one of the square holes of the second type of mounting rail.
- 1 8. (original) The fastener of claim 1, wherein head portion includes a slotted drive in  
2 combination with crossed slots of a Phillips drive.
- 1 9. (Currently amended) A fastener, comprising:  
2 a shank having a threaded portion;  
3 a head portion having a diameter; and  
4 a circular stepped portion between the head portion and the threaded portion, the  
5 stepped portion having a planar bottom surface perpendicular to the shank and a smaller  
6 diameter than the diameter of the head portion, the smaller diameter ranging between  
7 approximately 0.355 inches to approximately 0.365 inches.
- 1 10. (original) The fastener of claim 9, wherein the stepped portion has a thickness ranging  
2 between approximately 0.050 inches to approximately 0.060 inches.

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- 1 11. (new) The fastener of claim 9, wherein the circular stepped portion includes a tapered  
2 shoulder for guiding the stepped portion into a square hole.
- 1 12. (new) The fastener of claim 9, wherein the size of the diameter of the circular stepped  
2 portion causes the circular stepped portion to be centered within a square hole when the  
3 fastener is inserted into a square hole of a mounting rail.
- 1 13. (new) The fastener of claim 9, wherein head portion includes a slotted drive in  
2 combination with crossed slots of a Phillips drive.
- 1 14. (new) The fastener of claim 9, wherein, when the fastener is inserted into a hole of a  
2 mounting rail, the diameter of the stepped portion causes the planar bottom surface of the  
3 circular stepped portion to be urged against a surface of the mounting rail if the hole is a  
4 round hole and to enter into the hole if the hole is a square-hole.
- 1 15. (new) The fastener of claim 14, wherein the hole is a round hole and the mounting rail is  
2 a standard Electronics Industry Association Standard mounting rail.
- 1 16. (new) The fastener of claim 14, wherein the hole is a square hole and the mounting rail is  
2 a Universal Mounting Rail.